

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

December 11, 2014

In reply refer to:
257831:oosibodu

Mr. Peter S. Vroom
Deputy Director, Public Utilities Department
City of San Diego
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San Diego, CA 92101

**Subject: Review of Monitoring Reports for South Bay Water Reclamation Plant
Order No. 2000-203**

Mr. Vroom:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed the August-October 2014 monthly monitoring reports, as well as the July-September 2014 quarterly monitoring report submitted by the City of San Diego (City) in accordance with the Monitoring and Reporting Program of Order No. 2000-203.

The following violations of Section A.1 (Discharge Specifications) of Order No. 2000-203 were identified in the submitted monitoring reports:

1. The number of total coliform bacteria exceeded 240 Most Probable Number per 100 milliliter (MPN per mL) on August 22, and September 9, 2014 with values of 1600 and 920 MPN per 100 mL respectively.
2. Section A.1 of Order No. 2000-203 also specifies that the total number of coliform bacteria in the effluent shall not exceed an MPN of 23 per 100 ml in more than one sample in any 30-day period. The total number of coliform bacteria exceeded 23 MPN per 100 mL on August 22, and September 9, 2014 with values of 1600 and 920 MPN per 100 mL respectively.

The City reported that the violations noted above may have been due to contamination of the effluent sample and may not have been representative of actual recycled water quality since the ultraviolet disinfection system was functioning properly on the days the violations were noted.

Please take steps to implement follow-up actions necessary to ensure that the violations noted above do not occur in the future. These violations subject the City to possible further enforcement action by the San Diego Water Board including but not limited to: administrative

enforcement orders requiring the City to cease and desist from violations, or administrative assessment of civil liability in amounts of up to \$5,000 per day per violation;¹ referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

The next monitoring report required to be submitted is the November 2014 monthly monitoring report, which is due by December 30, 2014.

Please plan to submit all future monitoring reports to the San Diego Water Board by email². This reporting requirement should begin with your next monitoring submittal due December 30, 2014 and includes information provided in regularly scheduled monitoring reports, work plans, etc. The email submittal of reporting information must include a signed cover/transmittal letter (with the facility name, facility contact information, and permit number) and be sent via email to SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov. Information required by WDRs issued to regulated and interested parties should be emailed to SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov, but it does not replace routine email correspondence that may be sent to individual San Diego Water Board staff members.

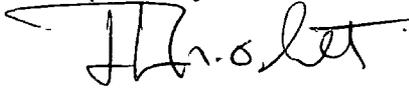
Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a disc and mailed to the San Diego Water Board. For more extensive information provided in Reports of Waste Discharge, and other large documents; the San Diego Water Board staff may request that specific individual items such as appendices to large/complex technical reports, large drawings, and large maps continue to be provided in paper format. If you have any specific questions about email submittal procedures please contact our Mission Support Unit staff, Ms. Cleo Munoz at 619-521-3384 or Cleo.Munoz@waterboards.ca.gov.

¹ Under authority of California Water Code section 13350.

² See public notification on electronic reporting on-line at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/docs/Electronic_Reporting_Sept2014.pdf

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Respectfully,



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